

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for distributing browser web page requests comprising:

receiving a web page request at a first web server of a plurality of web servers, the first web server assigned to service the request by an interceptor operable to allocate web requests among the plurality;

after receiving the web page request at the first web server, determining whether a predetermined condition exists at the first web server; and

if the predetermined condition exists, then redirecting by the first web server the web page request from the first web server to another web server of the plurality for servicing.

Claims 2-5 (cancelled)

Claim 6 (previously presented): The method of claim 1 wherein the determining comprises monitoring a system load of a computer hosting the first web server.

Claim 7 (original): The method of claim 6 wherein the predetermined condition comprises a CPU utilization greater than a predetermined value.

Claim 8 (original): The method of claim 6 wherein the predetermined condition comprises a memory utilization greater than a predetermined value.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The method of claim 1 wherein the redirecting step comprises redirecting only if the request is for one of a predetermined set of web pages.

Claim 10 (original): The method of claim 9 wherein the predetermined set is predetermined by a list of web pages included in the set.

Claim 11 (original): The method of claim 9 wherein the predetermined set is predetermined by a list of web pages excluded from the set.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A method for distributing browser web page requests comprising:

receiving a web page request at a first web server of a plurality of web servers, the first web server assigned to service the request by an interceptor operable to allocate web requests among the plurality;

after receiving the web page request at the first web server, determining whether a predetermined condition exists at the first web server; and

if the predetermined condition exists, then redirecting by the first web server the web page request from the first web server to another web server of the plurality for servicing, wherein the redirecting step comprises redirecting only if the request is for a web page that does not have state.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The method of claim 12 wherein the redirecting step further comprises:

determining whether the web page is included in a list of web pages that have state.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The method of claim 1 wherein the predetermined condition comprises a failure.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A system for servicing web page requests, comprising: an interceptor for receiving web page requests and redirecting each request to one of a plurality of web servers;

a first web server operable to redirect, from the first web server to a second web server of the plurality, a web page request made of the first web server, if a predetermined condition is determined to exist at the first web server; and

a manager for monitoring the first web server to determine if the predetermined condition exists at the first web server after receiving the web page request at the first web server.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The system of claim 15 wherein the web server is operable to transfer only requests for predetermined web pages.

Claims 17-24 (cancelled)

Claim 25 (previously presented): The method of claim 1 wherein redirecting is initiated by an agent in communication with a web server interface, the agent operable to instruct the web server interface to cause the web server to redirect.

Claim 26-33 (cancelled)

Claim 34 (previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein an agent is in communication with the first web server through a web server interface, and instructs the first web server to redirect using commands given through the web server interface.

Claim 35 (previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the redirecting includes redirecting by the first web server to the interceptor, and reassigning the web page request to the another web server.

Claim 36 (previously presented): The method of claim 1, further comprising monitoring web page requests received at the first web server, and if no web page request has been received after a time then restarting the first web server.

Claim 37 (currently amended): A computer readable medium from which a machine can obtain instructions for causing the machine to perform a method comprising:

receiving a web page request at a first web server of a plurality of web servers, the first web server assigned to service the request by an interceptor operable to allocate web requests among the plurality;

after receiving the web page request at the first web server, determining whether a predetermined condition exists at the first web server; and if the predetermined condition exists, then

redirecting the web page request by the first web server from the first web server for servicing at another web server of the plurality.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein determining whether a predetermined condition exists at the first web server is performed in response to receiving the web request at the first web server.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The method of claim 12, wherein the state is associated with a user's session with the first web server.